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Testimony from Representative Jack Hennessy

In support for House Bill 7055 An Act Creating the Connecticut Gaming Commission and Creating a Competitive Bidding Process for a Resort-Casino

Chairmen Bradley, Verrengia; Vice Chairs; Ranking Members; and Distinguished Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, I am writing today in support of House Bill 7055 An Act Creating the Connecticut Gaming Commission and Creating a Competitive Bidding Process for a Resort-Casino.

This law will not only generate millions of dollars in new revenue, but will also create good paying jobs for the people of Connecticut, especially for the people of Bridgeport. According to the Department of Labor, as of December 2018, Bridgeport has the highest number of people unemployed in the state of Connecticut.

Having an open, transparent, and competitive request for proposals for a commercial casino gives Connecticut the best chance of having the best deal for the state. This will provide a level playing field for all prospective developers, and, in the end, the state will get to decide who will deliver the most for our citizens.

Across the state, our residents favor such a competitive bidding process by a significant margin. The issue at hand is of interest to a broad swath of our populace, these citizens expect the greatest level of transparency possible from their state government. An open process will guarantee an outcome favorable to the everyday man, not only those with access.

I therefore respectfully ask the committee to please support this bill and help bring good paying jobs and revenue to the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Jack Hennessy

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